

CLAIMS

1. A hose dispenser, for use with a hose for conveying fluid, the dispenser comprising:
 - 5 a substantially cylindrical reel, for holding a length of hose, the hose being rotatably mounted on a support;
braking means for inhibiting rotation of the reel;
and
 - 10 an arm, movable between first and second positions, being arranged to bear against a portion of hose in use, wherein the arm is operatively associated with the braking means such that when the arm is in the first position the braking means inhibits rotational
 - 15 motion of the reel, and when the arm is in the second position the braking means does not inhibit rotational motion of the reel, and the reel is able to rotate to dispense hose.
- 20 2. A hose dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein the support comprises a frame.
3. A hose dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein the arm is arranged in use to be moveable between the first
- 25 and second positions in dependence upon tension in a hose bearing against the arm.
4. A hose dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein the arm is pivotally mounted, at at least one end thereof,
- 30 with respect to the reel.
5. A hose dispenser according to Claim 4, wherein pivotal movement of the arm between the first and second positions is arranged to cause engagement or
- 35 disengagement of the braking means.

6. A hose dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein the arm comprises a guide portion arranged in use to guide a hose when dispensing from the reel.

5 7. A hose dispenser according to Claim 6, wherein the guide portion comprises a channel or tube through which a hose is arranged in use to pass.

8. A hose dispenser according to Claim 6, wherein the
10 guide portion is arranged in use to co-operate with an end portion of a hose when a hose is substantially fully coiled on the reel.

9. A hose dispenser according to Claim 8, wherein the
15 guide portion is arranged in use to engage lockably the end portion of the hose.

10. A hose dispenser according to Claim 1, including a hose, the end portion of said hose comprising a
20 substantially frusto-conical hood, which serves to protect the exposed said end of the hose.

11. A hose dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein the hose dispenser is mounted on a trolley.

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12. A hose dispensing apparatus, comprising a reel, holding a length of hose for conveying fluid, the hose having a free end; and

braking means for inhibiting rotational motion of
30 the reel, wherein the braking means engages to inhibit rotational motion of the reel except when a tension force is applied to the hose.

13. A hose dispensing apparatus according to Claim 12,
35 wherein the apparatus is arranged such that application of a tension force to the hose causes an arm, mounted

on the reel and operatively associated with the braking means, to move into a first position, in which the brake is disengaged, and such that in the absence of application of such a tension force the hose causes the
5 arm to move into a second position in which the brake is engaged.